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In re Application of

Cinderella Christina GERHARDT, et al

Application No. 10/519,657

DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: December 22, 2004

Attorney Docket No. F7649(V)

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 20, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, April 7, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 8, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1620; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571) 272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1654 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received January 20, 2009.

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## Mosing from Justinest PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

Sir:

Applicants submit this Petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) for revival of the above-identified application which became abandoned for failure to reply to the Office Action dated April 7, 2008. If required, please deduct from Deposit Account No. 12-1155 a fee for a three month extension of time which would have been required to extend the period of time for responding to the April 7, 2008 Office Action from July 7, 2008 to October 7, 2008.

Please deduct One Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1,540.00) from Deposit Account No. 12-1155 for filing a petition to revive.

On April 21, 2008, applicants' attorney filed an Information Disclosure statement via EFS. The EFS receipt for this submittal was processed by our Office Manager (Linda M. Horvath), who unintentionally entered the IDS submission as if it were a reply to the outstanding Office Action. As the consequence of this mistaken entry, the attorney's due date docket no longer listed the due date for the response to the Office Action. Please see the supporting Declaration by Linda M. Horvath.

The subject application was abandoned when applicants failed to send in the response to the Office Action. This abandonment was unintentional since it was applicants' attorney's intention to submit the Response to the Office Action. It was clearly not applicants' nor applicants' attorney's intention to fail to submit the response to the outstanding Office Action.

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The failure to submit the response only recently come to applicants' attorney's attention upon the receipt of unexpected Notice of Abandonment.

As indicated by the foregoing remarks, applicants did not intend to abandon the subject application. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b):

- (1) Applicants again state that abandonment of the application was unintentional and the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.
- (2) a proposed Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2008 and Supplemental Information Disclosure are being filed at this time; and
- (3) authorization has been given to pay the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(m).

Since applicants have complied with all the requirements set forth in the rules, applicants respectfully request that the subject application be revived.

If any fees, other than the petition fee are deemed necessary in connection with filing of this petition, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 1201155.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION

Sir:

I, Linda M. Horvath, residing at of 44 Heuer Street, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643 declare as follows:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States.
- I am employed by Unilever United States, Inc., in the Patent Group. My title
  is Manager, Patent Administration. Our Group handles patent prosecution
  and other patent related work for Unilever Bestfoods, Conopco, Inc. to whom
  the above-identified application is assigned.
- 3. I know that the Patent Office has mailed a Notice of Abandonment in the above-identified application.
- 4. I remember and I have a record (attached) of processing the Submission of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on 21 April 2008 to the Patent Office. I entered this submission into our internal docketing system. I believe that I mistakenly checked off that the Response was submitted to the outstanding Office Action dated April 7, 2008 instead of processing it as an IDS submission. Once the response is checked off as "taken", the corresponding action will not come up on the docket of due dates for an attorney. Consequently, the due date of the Office Action dated April 7, 2008 did not appear on the attorney's docket. The mistake was realized when the Notice of Abandonment was received by our Patent Group.

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- 5. My mistake was unintentional and it did not reflect anyone's intention to not respond to an outstanding Office Action.
- 6. I hereby declare that all statement made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or of any patent issuing thereon.

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Linda M. Horvath

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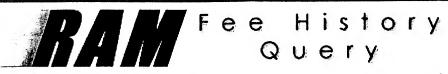
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